

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



FISCAL NOTE

HB 1765 - SB 1988

March 16, 2009

SUMMARY OF BILL: Requires the Department of Finance and Administration (F&A) to provide economic recovery assistance by establishing a grant program for supporting emergency services. Such program shall be made only from funds appropriated specifically for such purpose in the General Appropriations Act.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

Other Fiscal Impact - The fiscal impact of this bill cannot be determined due to multiple unknown factors. However, it is reasonable to expect that an appropriation of funds exceeding \$17,350,000, either from state funds or from monies received pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, would be required to award certain municipalities across the state one-time grants.

Assumptions:

- No funds shall be obligated or expended pursuant to any emergency services assistance program grants unless such funds are specifically appropriated by the General Appropriations Act.
- According to the Department of Economic and Community Development, there are 347 municipalities in Tennessee.
- The fiscal impact of this bill is dependent upon multiple unknown factors such as the number of municipalities that will request grants, the amount of funding appropriated for the purpose of making such grants, the number of grants awarded, the amount of each awarded grant, and whether or not any monies received pursuant to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 could be utilized for this purpose.

- A precise fiscal estimate for this bill cannot be determined due to the extent of these unknown factors. However, assuming a minimum average grant of \$50,000 per municipality, an appropriation of at least \$17,350,000 would be required ($347 \times \$50,000 = \$17,350,000$). This further assumes that such grants are considered one-time grants.

CERTIFICATION:

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "James W. White". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized "J" and "W".

James W. White, Executive Director

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